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Owing to the rush of work last month we did not issue the December Bulletin, therefore, statistics for both November and December, 1914, will be found in this number.

It may be interesting to compare Montana's death rate for 1912, with the death rate in the other States which are in the registration area. The following table shows these rates, per 1,000 population:

California	13.2
Colorado	12.2
Connecticut	14.3
Indiana	12.4
Kentucky	13.2
Maine	12.6
Maryland	15.7
Massachusetts	14.7
Michigan	12.6
Minnesota	9.8
Missouri	12.6
Montana	11.5
New Hampshire	13.6
New Jersey	14.5
New York	15.2
Ohio	12.7
Pennsylvania	14.1
Rhode Island	15.4
Utah	10.6
Vermont	12.2
Washington	8.7
Wisconsin	10.8

**DEATHS (EXCL. OF STILLBIRTHS) REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD
OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1914, ARRANGED
ACCORDING TO COUNTIES AND PRINCIPAL CITIES.**

	Spotted Fever	Small Pox	Tubercu- losis	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Typhoid Fever	Meningitis	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Nephritis	Organic Heart Disease	Acute Intestinal Diseases	Violence	Suicide	Alcoholism	All Other Causes	Totals
Beaverhead										3								3
Broadwater										1			1					2
Carbon		1										1	1	2	1			4
Cascade (Excl. of)								1		1		1	2		1	2		5
Great Falls		3								1		1	2					4
Chouteau									2			1	1					3
Custer										1		2		2				3
Dawson										1		1						1
Deer Lodge (Excl. of)		2					1			1								11
Anaconda										1	1	2	1	1				3
Fergus			2							1	1	1	1					4
Flathead (Excl. of)											3		1	1		1		5
Kalispell										1		1		1				1
Gallatin (Excl. of)		1				1				1		1			1			2
Bozeman										1		3	1	2	1			3
Granite																		3
Jefferson										1		1						1
Lewis & Clark (Excl. of)		1								1				1				2
Helena										1	1	3	1					3
Lincoln										1	1			3				3
Madison								1			1		1	1				3
Meagher											1							1
Missoula (Excl. of)								1										3
Missoula City										4	1	2	1	1				8
Musselshell													1					1
Park (Excl. of)								1		1	1			1				3
Livingston								1				1	1					4
Powell										1		1	1					3
Ravalli							1	1		1	1	1		1				6
Rosebud										1		1						2
Sanders														2				2
Silver Bow (Excl. of)		5								2	2	3	2	3		1		4
Butte		11	1							5	4	4		6	2	1		12
Sweet Grass								1		1		1	1	1				2
Teton												1	1					4
Valley																		3
Yellowstone (Excl. of)		1				1							1		1			1
Billings							1			1		1		2				4
Blaine																		2
Big Horn												2						2
Fallon										1		1	1					3
Hill			1				1			1				1	5			3
Mineral																		1
Richland			1												1	1		3
Sheridan															1	1		2
Stillwater							1											1
Toole										2								2
Wibaux											1							1
Totals		1	28	1		1	5	7		35	15	41	16	12	31	9	119	332

Estimated population—420,000.

Monthly Death Rate per 1,000 Population—7.90.

Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Population—9.48.

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RANGED ACCORDING TO COUNTIES AND PRINCIPAL CITIES.**

	Spotted Fever	Small Pox	Tuberculosis	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Typhoid Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Nephritis	Organic Heart Disease	Malignant Tumors	Acute Intestinal Diseases	Tolerance	Suicide	Alcoholism	All Other Causes	Totals
Beaverhead										2	1								3
Broadwater										2									2
Carbon			1							2						1	1		4
Cascade (Excl. of)										2	1	1	2						6
Great Falls			1							6	2	2	7	1	1	1	1		29
Chouteau			1							1	1				1				5
Custer										1	1								2
Dawson					3	1		1		1	1	2			3				18
Deer Lodge (Excl. of)			3																3
Anaconda										1	1	1			2		1		6
Fergus							1			1	1	1			2				7
Flathead (Excl. of)			2							2		1	1						6
Kalispell				1			1			3				2		1			9
Gallatin (Excl. of)										3		3							9
Bozeman				1						2		1							4
Granite																			1
Jefferson			1												1				2
Lewis and Clark (Excl. of)										1					1		1		3
Helena										4	1	3							8
Lincoln			1				1			2	1	1			1				6
Madison							1								2				3
Meagher										3		1			1				5
Missoula (Excl. of)			1							2									2
Missoula City			1	1			1			3	2	4	2						12
Musselshell			1							1		2		1	2				6
Park (Excl. of)			1							2		1	1			1			6
Livingston										1		2					1		4
Powell												2							2
Ravalli												1							1
Rosebud																1			1
Sanders												1							1
Silver Bow (Excl. of)			6							2	1	4	1		2				17
Butte			8							7	5	4	2	1	6				29
Sweet Grass											1	2							3
Teton										2		1							3
Valley											1								1
Yellowstone (Excl. of)										3		1							4
Billings			1				1			4		2			1	1			9
Big Horn											1								1
Blaine																1			1
Fallon																	1		1
Hill			2									1	1	1					4
Richland										1		1		1					3
Sheridan												1		1	1		1		4
Stillwater											1								1
Toole										1									1
Totals	1	34	3	1		7	1		68	21	49	24	9	29	7	5	149		408

Estimated Population—420,000.

Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Population—11.65.

Monthly Death Rate per 1,000 Population—.971.

**BIRTHS (EXCL. OF STILLBIRTHS*) REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD
OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1914, AND
COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD IN
THE STATE.**

	Males	Females	Totals	Deaths	Excess of Births	Excess of Deaths
Beaverhead	7	5	12	3	9	.....
Broadwater	2	6	8	4	4	.....
Carbon	21	24	45	14	31	.....
Cascade, Excl. of	19	25	44	11	33	.....
Great Falls	18	23	41	12	29	.....
Chouteau	9	9	18	3	15	.....
Custer	13	16	29	8	21	.....
Dawson	20	10	30	2	28	.....
Deer Lodge Excl. of	1	.....	1	14	.....	13
Anaconda	10	16	26	9	17	.....
Fergus	17	25	42	10	32	.....
Flathead Excl. of	16	19	35	11	24	.....
Kalispell	4	7	11	2	9	.....
Gallatin Excl. of	14	17	31	7	24	.....
Bozeman	4	7	11	11	.....	.....
Granite	2	3	5	3	2	.....
Jefferson	4	3	7	3	4	.....
Lewis and Clark Excl. of	3	8	11	5	6	.....
Helena	26	9	35	8	27	.....
Lincoln	5	6	11	8	3	.....
Madison	6	2	8	6	2	.....
Meagher	6	5	11	2	9	.....
Missoula Excl. of	4	2	6	5	1	.....
Missoula City	12	8	20	17	3	.....
Musselshell	2	7	9	2	7	.....
Park, Excl. of	5	4	9	4	5	.....
Livingston	8	8	16	3	13	.....
Powell	3	5	8	6	2	.....
Ravalli	14	10	24	6	18	.....
Rosebud	2	5	7	2	5	.....
Sanders	1	3	4	4	.....	.....
Silver Bow Excl. of	12	15	27	22	5	.....
Butte	41	44	85	46	39	.....
Sweet Grass	3	3	6	2	4	.....
Teton	11	10	21	8	13	.....
Valley	8	9	17	3	14	.....
Yellowstone Excl. of	17	23	40	5	35	.....
Billings	11	12	23	9	14	.....
Blaine	13	15	28	.....	28	.....
Big Horn	.....	2	2	2	.....	.....
Fallon	8	3	11	3	8	.....
Hill	13	12	25	12	13	.....
Mineral	1	1	2	1	1	.....
Richland	5	6	11	6	5	.....
Sheridan	40	23	63	4	59	.....
Stillwater	4	3	7	1	6	.....
Toole	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Wibaux	.....	4	4	1	3	.....
Totals	465	482	947	332	630	15

*Stillbirths 34

**BIRTHS (EXCLUSIVE OF STILLBIRTHS REPORTED) TO THE STATE
BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1914,
AND COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD
IN THE STATE.**

	Males	Females	Totals	Deaths	Excess of Births	Excess of Deaths
Beaverhead	4	4	8	3	5	.....
Broadwater	3	5	8	5	3	.....
Carbon	22	4	26	14	12	.....
Cascade Excl. of	11	4	15	9	6	.....
Great Falls	25	29	54	29	25	.....
Chouteau	8	9	17	5	12	.....
Custer	10	12	22	8	14	.....
Dawson	20	12	32	18	14	.....
Deer Lodge Excl. of	.....	3	3	7	.....	4
Anaconda	11	9	20	11	9	.....
Fergus	19	29	48	13	35	.....
Flathead Excl. of	12	9	21	9	12	.....
Kalispell	6	8	14	9	5	.....
Gallatin Excl. of	9	6	15	8	7	.....
Bozeman	4	3	7	6	1	.....
Granite	3	2	5	1	4	.....
Jefferson	2	1	3	2	1	.....
Lewis and Clark Excl. of	6	4	10	5	5	.....
Helena	8	12	20	13	7	.....
Lincoln	1	1	2	9	.....	7
Madison	7	7	14	10	4	.....
Meagher	8	7	15	7	8	.....
Missoula Excl. of	13	5	18	4	14	.....
Missoula City	12	15	27	23	4	.....
Musselshell	34	20	54	10	44	.....
Park Excl. of	1	1	2	7	.....	5
Livingston	11	11	22	6	16	.....
Powell	8	6	14	6	8	.....
Ravalli	6	7	13	3	10	.....
Rosebud	7	.....	7	2	5	.....
Sanders	4	3	7	2	5	.....
Silver Bow Excl. of	16	12	28	17	11	.....
Butte	36	35	71	50	21	.....
Sweet Grass	3	6	9	5	4	.....
Teton	12	17	29	8	21	.....
Valley	20	10	30	4	26	.....
Yellowstone Excl. of	8	8	16	9	7	.....
Billings	14	17	31	15	16	.....
Big Horn	2	2	4	1	3	.....
Blaine	1	2	3	1	2	.....
Fallon	6	4	10	1	9	.....
Hill	13	22	35	7	28	.....
Mineral	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....
Richland	10	5	15	7	8	.....
Sheridan	16	15	31	7	24	.....
Stillwater	11	3	14	8	6	.....
Toole	7	1	8	4	4	.....
Wibaux	3	2	5	.....	5	.....
Totals	473	410	883	408	491	16

Stillbirths 33

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED TO THE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER, 1914.

Smallpox:—Chouteau, 2; Fergus, 1; Gallatin (Excl. of Bozeman) 1; Hill, 1; Jefferson, 1; Helena, 5; Madison, 27; Meagher, 3; Missoula (Excl. of Missoula City), 2; Missoula City, 15; Park (Excl. of Livingston), 1; Sheridan, 1; Silver Bow (Excl. of Butte), 11'; Butte, 2; Sweet Grass, 46; Billings, 2; Total, 121; Total last month, 31.

Diphtheria—Great Falls, 2; Custer, 10; Dawson, 1; Anaconda, 2; Flathead (Excl. of Kalispell), 2; Gallatin (Excl. of Bozeman), 1; Helena, 1; Powell, 1; Ravalli, 1; Richland, 1; Sheridan, 6; Butte, 5; Total, 33; Total last month, 39.

SCARLET FEVER—Great Falls, 2; Chouteau, 19; Custer, 3; Gallatin (Excl. of Bozeman), 1; Hill, 9; Lewis and Clark (Excl. of Helena), 3; Lincoln, 3; Mineral, 4; Park, (Excl. of Livingston), 1; Sheridan, 4; Stillwater, 7; Valley, 6; Wibaux, 1; Billings, 1; Total, 64; Total last month, 52.

Typhoid Fever—Blaine, 13; Cascade (Excl. of Great Falls) 2; Great Falls, 5; Chouteau, 1; Dawson, 8; Fergus, 4; Kalispell, 3; Gallatin (Excl. of Bozeman) 1; Hill, 9; Madison, 1; Missoula City, 1; Ravalli, 2; Sanders, 1; Stillwater, 1; Teton, 1; Wibaux, 5; Yellowstone, 1; Billings, 2; Total, 61; Total last month, 89.

Measles—Fergus, 1; Hill, 1; Helena, 1; Mineral, 1; Ravalli, 1; Teton, 1; Total, 6. Total last month, 8.

Meningitis—No cases. Last month, 2.

Tuberculosis—Blaine, 1; Sanatorium, 6; Fergus, 1; Hill, 2; Butte, 15; Total, 25. Total last month, 26.

Whooping Cough—Fergus, 1; Total, 1; Total last month, 0.

Anterior Poliomyelitis—Fergus, 1; Total 1; Total last month, 1.

*One case of smallpox reported from Silver Bow county was a city case confined at the Pest House.

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH
OF DECEMBER, 1914.

Smallpox—Blaine, 1; Chouteau, 6; Gallatin (Excl. of Boze-
man), 1; Helena, 2; Madison, 26; Meagher, 3; Missoula (Excl.
of Missoula City), 7; Missoula City, 16; Musselshell, 6; Sheri-
dan, 1; Silver Bow, (Excl. of Butte), 13; Butte, 5; Sweet Grass,
2; Valley, 1; Total, 90; Total last month, 121.

Diphtheria—Great Falls, 2; Custer, 2; Dawson, 5; Anacon-
da, 2; Flathead (Excl. of Kalispell), 5; Gallatin (Excl. of Boze-
man), 2; Hill, 2; Livingston, 1; Ravalli, 2; Rosebud, 1; Sheri-
dan, 5; Butte, 6; Toole, 1; Total, 36. Total last month, 33.

Scarlet Fever—Blaine, 2; Carbon, 1; Chouteau, 1; Great
Falls, 2; Custer, 3; Dawson, 1; Hill, 6; Lincoln, 2; Mineral, 1;
Park, (Excl. of Livingston), 2; Livingston, 10; Richland, 4;
Sheridan, 2; Silver Bow, (Excl. of Butte), 1; Stillwater, 5;
Toole, 1; Valley, 7; Billings, 1; Total, 52. Total last month, 64.

Typhoid Fever—Blaine, 3; Cascade (Excl. of Great Falls),
1; Great Falls, 4; Custer, 1; Dawson, 3; Fergus, 2; Gallatin
(Excl. of Bozeman), 1; Lincoln, 1; Madison, 1; Meagher, 2;
Musselshell, 1; Teton, 1; Wibaux, 3; Yellowstone (Excl. of
Billings) 1; Total, 25; Total last month, 61.

Measles—Park (Excl. of Livingston), 2; Livingston, 5;
Ravalli, 3; Butte, 1; Stillwater, 1; Sweet Grass, 1; Yellowstone
(Excl. of Billings), 2; Billings, 1; Total, 16. Total last month,
6.

Whooping Cough—Fergus, 1; Total, 1; Total last month, 1.

Tuberculosis—Blaine, 1; Custer, 5; Flathead (Excl. of Kal-
ispell), 2; Kalispell, 1; Lincoln, 1; Butte, 3; Total, 13. Total
last month, 25.

DIVISION OF FOODS AND DRUGS.

Laboratory Report.

Classification	Legal	Adulterated	Unofficial	Mis-branded	Total
Milk	42	21	1	..	64
Butter (Dairy Com.)	1	12	..	2	15
Ice Cream	2	1	1	..	4
Water .....	..	..	..	..	31
Cream (Dairy Com.) .....	..	..	1	..	1
Sewage (Bozeman Testing Station) .....	..	..	..	..	9
Total	45	34	3	2	124

Since the last laboratory report was published one hundred twenty-four samples of foods, water and sewage have been reported to the State Board of Health and the State Dairy Commission. Sixty-four milk samples were examined and details of the reports are published in this report. Fifteen samples of butter were analyzed. Twelve of these butter samples were adulterated and two were misbranded. The butter samples were bought in the following cities: Anaconda and Butte.

Thirty-one samples of water and nine samples of sewage were examined bacteriologically and chemically. The sewage samples were taken from the Bozeman Testing Station. The thirty-one samples of water were collected in the following cities: Ballantine, Billings, Bynum, Chinook, Geyser, Glacier Park, Harlem, Harlowton, Judith Gap, Kalispell, Miles City, Moore, Proctor, Raynsford, Toston and Worden.

With the information obtained by sanitary surveys and by laboratory examinations **twelve** of the above supplies were pronounced **good**; **thirteen** of suspicious quality and further sampling recommended and **six** were pronounced **bad**.

MILK
Standard or Above.

Lab.			Town	Total Solids	Solids not fat	Fat.
No.	Date	Obtained from				
				%	%	%
3862	11- 8-14	Frewin Hotel	Park City	12.56	9.26	3.3
3863	11- 8-14	Commercial Hotel	Columbus	20.57	8.57	12.0
3864	11- 8-14	C. W. Sparr Co.	Columbus	12.04	8.54	3.5
3867	11-8-14	James Craig	Columbus	13.95	9.75	4.1
3868	11-10-14	J. J. Maat	Red Lodge	13.58	9.28	4.3
3869	11-10-14	Henry Kray	Red Lodge	12.53	8.98	3.6
3870	11-10-14	Sunrise Dairy	Red Lodge	12.53	9.98	3.6
3872	11-10-14	Mrs. Bessie Hantane	Red Lodge	12.56	9.06	3.5
3873	11-10-14	Bungalow Restaurant	Red Lodge	12.59	9.09	3.5
3874	11-10-14	Pollard Hotel	Red Lodge	18.75	8.75	10.0
3876	11-10-14	Lingreen Restaurant	Red Lodge	12.58	8.93	3.6
3877	11-10-14	Southern Hotel	Red Lodge	14.06	9.26	4.8
3878	11-10-14	Central Hotel	Red Lodge	15.68	9.18	6.5
3881	11-10-14	N. P. Lunch Counter	Forsyth	12.87	9.27	3.6
3882	11-10-14	J. T. Files	Forsyth	18.62	8.62	10.0
3884	11-19-14	Perle & Olson	Joliet	15.53	9.93	5.6
3885	11-19-14	Luther Smith, Hotel	Joliet	14.70	10.00	4.7
3886	11-19-14	E. F. Weider	Joliet	12.87	9.09	3.8
3887	11-19-14	Mrs. Dutton	Joliet	13.14	9.34	8.7
3888	11-19-14	A. M. Peterson	Joliet	13.14	9.14	4.0
3890	11-14-14	.....	Miles City	12.48	8.88	3.6
3891	11-14-14	Seldentoff	Miles City	13.21	9.21	4.0
3894	11-14-14	W. L. Sloucher	Miles City	16.75	8.75	8.0
3896	11-19-14	Hauly & Company	Miles City	13.40	9.00	4.4
3897	11-19-14	M. E. Bailey	Miles City	12.96	8.96	4.1
3898	11-19-14	U. S. News Co.	Miles City	14.64	9.54	5.1
3903	11-19-14	Geo. Jolly (Rest.)	Baker	12.96	8.86	4.1
3905	11-20-14	W. M. Smith (Hotel)	Lewistown	14.98	9.23	5.75
3906	11-20-14	C. E. McCarthy	Lewistown	13.45	9.45	4.0
3907	11-20-14	Christie Restaurant	Lewistown	16.23	9.23	7.0
3909	11-20-14	Fergus Hotel	Lewistown	13.95	9.05	4.9
3911	11-21-14	Sing Hie	Lewistown	12.82	9.32	3.5
3912	11-21-14	Willard Restaurant	Lewistown	13.54	9.34	4.2
3913	11-21-14	Land & Bishop	Lewistown	13.33	9.23	4.1
3914	11-2-14	A. G. Adams	Lewistown	13.91	9.66	4.25
3916	11-21-14	Fah & Kuhne	Lewistown	13.17	9.37	3.8
3917	11-21-14	Fah & Kuhne	Lewistown	12.88	9.18	3.7
3919	11-30-14	Three Forks Dairy	Three Forks	12.48	9.18	3.3
3921	11-30-21	J. Goodell	Three Forks	14.09	10.19	3.9
3924	12-11-14	Helen Fenton	Superior	14.52	9.52	5.0
3925	12-11-14	Superior Cafe	Superior	13.45	8.75	4.1

MILK.
Below Standard.

Lab. No.	Date	Obtained from	Town	Remarks
3865	11- 9-14	Columbus Cafe	Columbus	Low in fat.
3866	11- 9-14	Quinn Restaurant	Columbus	Low in fat.
3871	11- 9-14	Mrs. Sarah Collins	Red Lodge	Low in fat.
3875	11-10-14	P. H. Madsen	Red Lodge	Low in fat.
3880	11-10-14	J. J. Quinlan	Forsyth	Low in solids not fat.
3882	11-10-14	F. E. Burkholder	Forsyth	Low in fat.
3889	11-19-14	Mathing & Reardon	Joliet	Low in fat.
3892	11-14-14	Brockawoog	Miles City	Low in fat and solids not fat.
3893	11-14-14	John Barth	Miles City	Low in fat and solids not fat.
3895	11-14-14	W. S. Ingham	Miles City	Low in fat and solids not fat.
3899	11-19-14	Leo Bean	Baker	Low in fat and solids not fat.
3900	11-19-14	C. L. Sargent	Baker	Low in fat and solids not fat.
3902	11-19-14	John Ryan	Baker	Low in fat.
3904	11-16-14	Mrs. N. M. McLeod	Baker	Low in solids not fat.
3908	11-20-14	Haupt & Toff	Lewistown	Low in fat.
3910	11-21-14	Vienna Cafe	Lewistown	Low in fat.
3915	11-21-14	Fah & Kuhne	Lewistown	Low in fat.
3918	11-30-14	Chas. Burroughs	Three Forks...	Low in fat.
3920	11-26-14	Gus Chryst	Three Forks...	Low in fat.
3923	12-11-14	Joseph Charette	Superior	Low in fat.

ICE CREAM.
Standard or Above.

Lab. No.	Date	Obtained from	Fat	Remarks
D.157	11- 7-14	Nembro Drug Co., Butte	14.25%	Standard.
D.165	11-11-14	Harper's, Anaconda	17. %	Standard.

ICE CREAM.
Below Standard.

Lab. No.	Date	Obtained from	Remarks
D.166	11-15-14	Phil Daniels, Anaconda	Low in fat.

HOUSEWIVES SHOULD BUY CHICKENS UNDRAWN.

Government Tests Show That Undrawn Chickens Keep Much Better Than Those That Have Been Fully Dressed.

Washington, D. C.—The poultry handling specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are urging housewives to buy their chickens undrawn and with their heads and feet still on. An undrawn chicken, they say, shows its lack of freshness or its unfitness for food much more clearly than does a fully dressed bird, in the dressing of which certain significant signs can easily be removed by the crafty poultry dresser.

Moreover, by actual government tests as reported in Circular No. 70 of the Bureau of Chemistry, fully drawn poultry with head and feet removed, decompose the most rapidly, while undrawn poultry keeps much better than does poultry either wholly or partly drawn. This is because once a chicken is opened for cleaning, the delicate tissues in it are open to the bacteria of the air, which multiply very rapidly and soon destroy the flavor of the chicken, even if they do not bring about actual putrefaction. The undressed chicken is far less likely to be contaminated in this way, as the outer skin is a protection against the inroads of such bacteria.

When the feet of chickens are removed, the housewife loses one of the easiest methods of determining whether the bird is young or old. Young chickens have smooth, clean feet and shanks. Old birds have scaly, rough legs and buttons or spurs. The head of a dead chicken gives very clear indications of staleness. The head of a chicken that is not fresh will show a greenish color below the bill, sunken eyes, a darkening or discoloration on the neck, all of which indicate decay.

The housewife should require that the entrails of a chicken be not drawn, or at least should have the butcher draw them in her presence. Moreover, the entrails of the chicken often show diseased conditions that are not evident after the bird is fully drawn. The appearance of the entrails will help her to tell whether the chicken is fresh and whether it has been properly handled. Entrails in a good chicken should be almost empty, round, firm in texture, and showing little red veins here and there. If the intestines are full the bird was not starved for 24

hours before killing, as it should have been, or else sand was fed to it to increase its weight and work a fraud on the buyer. If the animal heat was not removed quickly and completely, the roundness of the intestines will be lost and the folds of the intestines will stick together. There will also be an undue amount of sliminess and unpleasant odor which is not found in a properly chilled bird. There is, of course, always some odor when the body cavity of a bird is opened, even if it is just killed, but this odor is quite different from the pronounced smell which comes with decay. An unscrupulous dealer cannot foist bad birds on the housewife who dresses the chickens herself and knows how to interpret what she sees and smells.

The skin of a chicken will tell the housewife whether the bird has been properly "dry" picked and "air chilled," or whether it has been "scalded" in order to remove the feathers. The skin of a dry picked chicken is flexible, translucent, with the feather papillae plainly visible and short hairs which have to be removed by singeing. If a chicken has been scalded the skin is hard, thick, close to the muscles underneath and almost free from these hairs. The skin of a dry picked chicken which has been chilled in water has lost the powdery look which is characteristic, and is shiny, thicker than when air cooled, and it is scarcely possible to see the pink muscles underneath as one should be able to do. A water chilled chicken is also a fraud to the buyer because it absorbs water, which is charged for at chicken prices.

Housewives should insist upon a dry-picked chicken, because any wetting of a chicken, and especially scalding, lessens or destroys the delicate flavor of the meat.

